

LOCAL GOVERNMENT 101

What happens at the City of San Diego?



Mayor

- Directs administrative structure
- Can appoint or remove department heads
- Can approve/veto council actions
- Cannot vote on measures or ordinances, but:
- Can suggest to Council



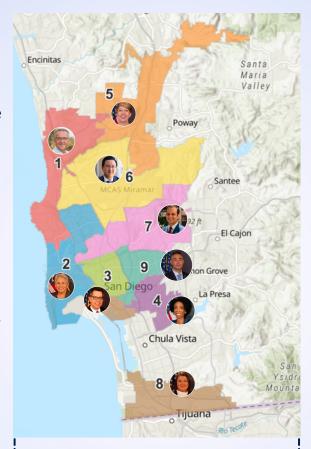
City Attorney's Office

- An elected position
- Chief advisor to Mayor, City Council, most City Departments
- Is the City's prosecutor
- The legal representation for the City
- Defends taxpayers in lawsuits
- Protects residents & neighborhood quality of life



Council President

- Sets Council Agenda
- Presides over Council meetings
- Handles parliamentary duties
- Determines key assignments to committees



City Council

- 9 Councilmembers (1 per District)
- Establishes/modifies committees, advisory boards, & citizen committees
- Committees allow for smaller groups to go in-depth on policy
- 10 active Council Committees
- Introduces/passes ordinances or resolutions
- Affirmative vote of 5+
- Mayor can veto- veto can be overridden by affirmative vote of 6+

Departments

- ADA Compliance and Accessibility
- City Auditor
- City Clerk
- City Treasurer
- Communications
- Compliance Department
- **Development Services**
- Code Enforcement
- Economic Development
 - Community Development Block Grant
- Emergency Services
- Engineering & Capital Projects
- Environmental Services
- Finance
- Fire-Rescue
 - Lifeguard Services
- General Services
- Government Affairs
- Homelessness Strategies and Solutions
- Human Resources
- Independent Budget Analyst (IBA)
- Information Technology
- Library
- Parks & Recreation
- Parking
- Performance & Analytics
- Personnel
- Planning
- Police
- Public Utilities
- Purchasing & Contracting
- Real Estate and Airport Management
- Risk Management
- Special Events & Filming
- Stormwater Department
- Sustainability and Mobility Department
- Transportation Department

Link to all departments: sdd9.info/depts





WAYS TO ENGAGE IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Boards & Commissions

Attend a Youth Commission Meeting!

Join other youth in San Diego as they work to amplify the voices of other youth throughout our region.

Meeting Information:

- To Be Determined
- More info www.sdd9.info/youthagenda

Checkout All of Our Boards & Commissions:

www.sandiego.gov/boards-and-commissions

Participate in Public Meetings

Written Comment

Public Comment







Council Meeting Calendar:

www.sdd9.info/legcal

County Meeting Calendar:

www.sandiegocounty.gov/bos/calendar

Meeting with Representatives



3795 Fairmount Ave, San Diego, CA 92105

Join your friends, family, and neighbors for a conversation



Meet with the Council President!

Attendees can sign up for Office Hours, either in person or virtual. Each time slot will be 15 minutes with the CP Elo-Rivera.

EVERY 3RD FRIDAY OF THE MONTH

- Central (City Heights)
- Southeastern (Mountain View)

Volunteering with Community Organizations













District 9 City Council Office

www.sandiego.gov/citycouncil/cd9

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City of San Diego Boards & Commission

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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:







